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## **White House Announces Nominee for Northern District of California Judgeship**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – President Obama has nominated San Francisco Deputy City Attorney Vince Girdhari Chhabria to serve as a district judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The White House announced the nomination on Thursday, July 25, 2013.

Mr. Chhabria, was nominated to fill a judgeship vacant since July 1, 2013, when District Judge Susan Illston assumed senior status.

Mr. Chhabria serves as the deputy city attorney for Government Litigation and as co-chief of Appellate Litigation in the Office of the City Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco, where he has worked since 2005. Prior to joining the city attorney's office, Mr. Chhabria worked as an associate in the San Francisco law firm of Covington & Burling LLP from 2002 to 2004.

Mr. Chhabria received his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Cruz, in 1991 and his J.D. from UC Berkeley School of Law in 1998. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Charles R. Breyer of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California from 1998 to 1999. In 2001, Mr. Chhabria worked as an associate in the San Francisco law firm of Kecker & Van Nest LLP, after serving as law clerk to Judge James R. Browning of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. From 2001 to 2002, Mr. Chhabria clerked for Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Chhabria has been named one of 16 "California Lawyers of the Year" by The Recorder in 2009; one of the "Best Lawyers Under 40" by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association in 2009; one of the "Top 20 Lawyers Under 40 in California" by The Daily Journal in 2008; and "Young Public Lawyer of the Year" by the International Municipal Lawyers Association in 2008.

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The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California had 7,851 new case filings in fiscal year 2012, up 6.5 percent from the prior fiscal year. The court is authorized 14 judgeships and currently has three vacancies.

Federal district court judges, appointed under Article III of the Constitution, are nominated by the president, confirmed by the Senate and serve lifetime appointments upon good behavior. Their current annual salary is \$174,000.

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